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SUBJECT: WORKING GROUP ON COMMUNICATIONS - UN
SUB-COMMISSION ON PREVENTION OF DISCRIMINATION
AND PROTECTION OF MINORITIES.

REF: GENEVA 12957, VAKY-CHAPLIN TELCON.

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH ARGENTINE EMBASSY, DEPARTMENT
OFFICER LEARNED THAT GOA IS UPSET BY WHAT IT SEES AS US
ROLE IN GENEVA AGAINST ARGENTINA IN SUB-COMMISSION WORKING
GROUP. IN PARTICULAR, GOA HOLDS THE BELIEF THAT THE US
EXPERT ACTIVELY LOBBIED AGAINST ARGENTINA, SUCCESSFULLY
OBTAINING COLOMBIA'S AND NIGERIA'S VOTE AGAINST THE GOA.

2. THE SUB-COMMISSION CONSISTS OF 26 EXPERTS, BOTH THE
US AND ARGENTINA ARE REPRESENTED. WORKING GROUP ON
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COMMUNICATION, WHICH SIFTS INCOMING COMPLAINTS, CONSISTS
OF FIVE MEMBERS, INCLUDING US REPRESENTATIVE, AMBASSADOR
BEVERLY CARTER.

3. A GROUP OF ELEVEN COUNTRIES INCLUDING THE U.S., ARGENTINA,
AND CAMBODIA WERE CITED BY THE WORKING GROUP - THE SUB-
COMMISSION WILL CONSIDER ALL 11 CASES DURING THEIR

CURRENT SESSION ENDING SEPTEMBER 15. AT THIS POINT, WE

DO NOT KNOW THE SPECIFICS OF THE CHARGE AGAINST ARGENTINA, WHO SUBMITTED IT, OR WHETHER THERE IS ENOUGH EVIDENCE FOR THE FULL SUBCOMMISSION TO RECOMMEND THE UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION TO EXAMINE THE ARGENTINE CASE AT ITS FEBRUARY 1979 MEETING.

4. THE US DID NOT ORGANIZE OR PRESENT EVIDENCE ON ANY COUNTRY EXCEPT CAMBODIA. WE DID NOT PROVIDE GUIDANCE TO AMBASSADOR CARTER CONCERNING ARGENTINA AND, IN FACT, WERE UNAWARE THAT ARGENTINA WOULD BE CITED.

5. OTHER MEMBERS OF WORKING GROUP ON COMMUNICATIONS ARE THE USSR, PAKISTAN, NIGERIA AND COLOMBIA. THE MEMBERS SERVE IN A PERSONAL CAPACITY, NOT AS REPRESENTATIVES OF THEIR GOVERNMENTS ALTHOUGH THE PRACTICE IS THAT THEY REMAIN IN CONTACT WITH THEIR COUNTRIES.

6. FOR AMBASSADOR CARTER. AS YOU UNDOUBTEDLY ARE AWARE, US-ARGENTINE RELATIONS HAVE BECOME INCREASINGLY STRAINED. THE (AS APPEARS) QUITE PROFOUND IRRITATION OF THE GOA MAY PARTLY STEM FROM THE FACT THAT THE FINDING AGAINST ARGENTINA, EVEN THOUGH ONLY ONE OF ELEVEN (INCLUDING A FINDING AGAINST THE US), IS SEEN IN BUENOS AIRES AS ONLY THE MOST RECENT IN A SERIES OF INCIDENTS BETWEEN THE US
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AND ARGENTINA IN THE HUMAN RIGHTS AREA. QUITE POSSIBLY, THE GOA BELIEVES THAT NOTWITHSTANDING YOUR STATUS AS AN INDEPENDENT EXPERT, YOU ACTED UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM WASHINGTON AS PART OF A US PLAN TO PRESS FOR ACTION AGAINST ARGENTINA IN THE SUBCOMMISSION.

7. READERS SHOULD NOTE THAT THIS WORKING GROUP REPORT IS A PRIVILEGED DOCUMENT AND THAT THIS PROCEDURE WAS CARRIED OUT UNDER THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF ECOSOC RESOLUTION 1503. THIS CONFIDENTIALITY SHOULD BE STRICTLY OBSERVED.
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